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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN AID TO VIET- NAM

REF: (A) SAIGON 6735 (B) STATE 71066

1. THE " FLUID SITUATION" (REFTTEL A), SOMEHOW SUGGESTIVE
OF A GOVERNMENT ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE IS A DISTORTION
OF REALITY IN SOUTH VIET- NAM AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A
VALID EXCUSE TO STALL AID PROGRAMS FOR THAT COUNTRY. YOU
SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT TO MFA SITUA-
TION IN SVN IS THAT THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
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OF VIET- NAM EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERS THE DAY- TO- DAY
RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY AND COMMANDS THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE
GREAT MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION. THE SO- CALLED PROVI-
SIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS
NO VALID CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY. IT DOES NOT HAVE A CAPTIAL,
CONTROLS BUT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION AND
HAS NONE OF THE LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ATTRIBUTES
COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH ANY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

2. SHOULD THE NORWEGIANS WISH A MULTILATERAL FORUM
THE PROPOSED IBRD AID CONSORTIUM FOR SVN (REF B) WOULD
BE AN IDEAL VEHICLE. SHOULD THEY OPT FOR A BILATERAL
PROGRAM, THERE EXIST WITHIN SVN A NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT

AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HIGHLY CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT
A VARIETY OF AID PROGRAMS. ROGERS

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